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Yard Sale - April 30, 9am - 4pm. 3120 Mountain View Rd.
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COMING EVENTS

TODAY - McBride & District & Valley Museum & Archives
 Perennial Plant Sale, Wednesday, April 27, starting at 10:00a.m.
 Grassy lots beside 521 Main Street. Have plants to donate?? Please
 bring them on the day of the sale. Thank You. ~A Fundraiser for
 the Museum & Library Expansion Project.

The next trail work day, in support of the Robson Valley
 Mountain Bike Association, is planned for Sunday, May 1. Hope
 you can make it - 9:30am. Hoping to perfect the top section of
 Ragged (3km), and move some trees and branches from the sides
 - necessary for us and putting us one step closer to opening up the
 trail to the public. There are tasks for any type of worker, including
 kids, but the trail is steep. Let's meet in the parking lot at Km 1 on
 Rainbow Road and convoy up.

Drawing Contest: The Valley Museum & Archives is hosting a
 Drawing Contest. Create your best drawing of an Historic Building
 (1950's) or older from the Robson Valley. Winners will be determined
 by visitors to the Museum. Rules: Due by April 29th (turn in at
 library/museum building on Dominion St. *Must be of a Robson
 Valley building from 1950 or older. *Include your name, age &
 name of building on the back. *Must be no larger than 8.5 x 14
 inches *Materials used must not be off-gassing when submitted.
A Stitch In Time: A Whistle Stop Gallery & Valley Museum &
 Archives Present A Stitch In Time: April 19th - May 28th, 2016.
 241 Dominion Street.

Robson Valley Beekeepers and Wannabeekeepers Meeting and
 Potluck Snacks Friday, April 29th, 7pm at the McBride Library
 Annex. Topics of Discussion: 1. Cooking, Baking, and Bottling with
 Honey (please bring a home-made "snack" made with honey, and
 your recipe if you are able to), 2. Last minute prepping for arrival
 of packages of bees. For Info contact Monica 250-569-7019.

80th Celebration: Come and join friends & family to celebrate
 Sharon Hawkins 80th birthday, April 30th, 1-4pm. at the E-Free
 Church.

Cariboo Youth Connect - A Youth and Young Adult Event
 (grade 7 and up). Where: Smithers United Church, Smithers, BC.
 When: April 29, 30 & May 1. Cost: \$25 (we can help with cost).
 Theme: R and R... Respect, Relations, Recreation. Why: To have
 fun, be with friends, explore faith. Who: Youth and young adults
 from Cariboo and Prince Rupert Presbyteries and beyond... Contact:
 Kim McNaughton phone 250-968-4467 or e-mail
 kimkmcnaughton@gmail.com.

All members and supporters are urged to attend the 2016 Annual
 General Meeting of the Fraser Headwaters Alliance, to be held at the
 Dunster Hall, Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m.
PAL Course: May 7-8 in McBride. Manuals available on-line at
 no cost. You must have this firearms safety course or equivalent
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 participants or provide a service to the community: McBride Secondary
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 and the Seventh Day Adventist Food Bank. Reminder that each year
 we ask for applications for those clubs or organizations, that fit the
 Community Gaming Grant criteria issued by the Gaming Policy and
 Enforcement Branch, to send in applications to either the McBride
 Elks or Royal Purple by October 1st of that year. If you would like
 to apply, please contact either Kathy Molendyk or Al Birnie.

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Our Annual Fashion Show will be held on Friday, May 6 @ 12 noon in the Ang/United Church. There will be a lunch served, at this time the cost will be \$5.00. Come out and enjoy our fun time and see our Spring Fashion. -Hope to see you there.
McBride Ang./United Church

LIBRARY NEWS

Movie Night: 'Hadwin's Judgement'. Friday, April 29th. 7pm at 521 Main Street. 'Hadwin's Judgement' chronicles the tormented transformation of Grant Hadwin from expert logger to environmental terrorist. The story of "The Golden Spruce" with a local connection, this award-winning film interweaves speculation, myth and reality to explore Hadwin's motives in his outrageous act of protest.
<http://www.hadwinsjudgement.com/thefilm#intro>.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An Open Letter to all Residents between Small River and Dome Creek: April 30th is drawing close and I would like to invite everyone to join me in voting a resounding "Yes" for the proposed bylaw to buy 521 Main Street in McBride as the joint home of the McBride and District Library and the Valley Museum and Archives. This partnership has come a long way in the past few years and I see it as a true heart of the community to be used and enjoyed by citizens of all ages. I am a single person and have no children in school but I gladly pay my school taxes every year as I truly believe that we must all share in the education and development of "our children". I do not skate or curl or play hockey, but I gladly pay my taxes every year to keep the arena and curling rink available for people of all ages. I do not do a lot of driving on the highways in a year, but my taxes that keep the highways in good shape and safely plowed in the winter time is a good investment of money as far as I am concerned. I rarely use the hospital and have never used an ambulance in my life, but the taxes I pay every year to keep them going are not seen as a burden on me but rather an investment in health care that I and other members of this community may need. I do not use the book-lending-service in the library much but I do use some of the "other services" offered by the Library and the Museum. I have attended many meetings and some evening jam sessions and lots of displays put on by the Valley Museum and Archives and see these services just as important as those mentioned above. I am impressed with how the staff and joint Board can function so well in such cramped quarters (half of which was seen as unfit for use years ago - the old Health Unit) The staff's helpful and welcoming attitude make all who come through the door feel right at home no matter your status, education or age. The tax hike per year will be a pittance for most of us. I am happy to pay such a small amount for such a fantastic service to the entire community. I see this as an investment in our youth, our seniors, our citizens of all ages and as an investment in both the history of this area and in the future of this area. If we just leave the nay-sayers behind to wallow in their complaints and move on down the road to a brighter future for all our communities involved, we will all be winners in the long run - especially the young people who will benefit from the investment we are now deciding to make in them! Let the mountains echo with a resounding "YES"! All the best...Pete Amyoony.

BIRTHDAY WISHES APRIL 27 - MAY 3

Evan Williams, Juliana Vizza, Sasha Gardiner, Allan Frederick, David Blouin, Kelly Harding, Linda McCarty, Linda Sarasin, Peter Aleman, David Elliot, Ian Smith, Jane McClinton, Sawyer Myrno, Alan MacKinnon, Allison Kraby, Keaton Wright, Lexi Lawrence, Luke Barnes-Muller, Roseanna Lee, Tanner Mercer, Allison Welsh, Cheryl Clostio, Dillon Paradis, Rob Sansom, Seth Hruby, Archie McRea, Bryce Hickerty, Courtney Lipke, Doty Baxter, Glen Hooker, Nat Jackson, and to anyone else we missed. Happy Birthday!

BUY, SELL, RENT & MISC.

Goats for sale: Nannie with twin doelings (5 weeks old) \$275, and milk goat (not currently in milk) \$175. All four for \$400. 250-569-7800•For Sale-1994 Dutchman 5th Wheel Trailer. 28ft. needs some work. \$5000 o.b.o. Ph:250-968-4339•For Sale-Sealed Unit 48-3/4"x58"x5/8". Regular \$365, Sale \$170. Phone 250-569-7084•Wanted-Looking for old farm for rent-to-own or long-term Rental, monthly payments approximately \$800.00, for my wife and I, in the Dunster or McBride Area. I can repair and fix any old house and more because I am a good carpenter, plumber, and electrician and many other trades. If you do have anything, no matter the amount of work, please call Andre or Brenda at 250-968-4370•For Sale-1990 Dodge Propane 1/2 ton truck, runs good. Needs battery only. Asking \$750.00 Call Joseph 250-968-4370•Wanted-Diamond Harrows suitable for pasture land. Phone 250-569-4080•For Sale-Used old style vertical slide windows with storms and screens. May be used for Greenhouses. \$10 each. Phone 250-968-4482•For Sale-2 Butcher Pigs. \$2.00 per lb. Phone 250-569-7733•For Sale-Oil Furnace complete with 100 gallon outside storage tank. Also, electric Hot Water Tank. Ph:250-569-2334•For Sale-3 piece solid wood bedroom set, dresser, chest of drawers and double bookcase bed. Excellent condition, \$350 for set. 250-569-3380•For Sale-8 foot truck box off of a 2001 F350. Comes with rear bumper tow hitch, needs tail gate. \$600.00. Call 250-371-4656, McBride•Wanted-Older Deutz tractor any condition, and older Mercedes any condition. Call Sven 250-569-0351•To place an ad call 569-3110, Fax 569-0220 or drop info at 455 King St.

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Please contact The Little McBride Paper with all coming events, news, trivia, comments, anything! 250-569-3110, Fax:250-569-0220, email:sglines3@telus.net, P.O. Box 441, McBride, B.C. V0J 2E0 or drop off at 455 King St. If we don't know about it, we can't inform the public about it! Scott & Susan Glines (Oscar & Bruno)

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A unique and powerful seminar is coming to McBride, on Tuesday, May 10th and Wednesday, May 11th at the Roundhouse Theatre in McBride. Everyone is welcome to come to this FREE seminar with Phil Brewer, the founder and president of the Silver Hills Lifestyle Centre, where Silver Hills bread originated.

"We've all experienced a mother or grandmother trying to treat us with a home remedy," says Phil Brewer. "Like chicken soup or maybe a potent garlic cure during the flu season," he continues. "Many of these home remedies passed on from generation to generation have sound scientific backing and can be used in conjunction with doctor's care because they aid and assist the body's healing mechanisms."

"The Silver Hills Lifestyle Centre has have been teaching the health benefits of lifestyle change for the past thirty years," says Phyllis Krueger, the local organizer of this seminar. "I am familiar with the great lifestyle training provided by Phil and his team. I know all those who attend this seminar will be a benefited immensely. All are invited, so do come with a friend, you will be glad you did."

"At Silver Hills, many of our clients come with problems like sinusitis, stomach ulcers, sleeplessness and stress to name a few", continues Phil Brewer. "During their five to ten day stay at the guesthouse we present to them different types of home remedies as ways to assist their medical treatment which when used in conjunction with a healthy lifestyle are very effective."

"Recently, we have many requests to present not only our lifestyle classes in different communities, but also to demonstrate the simple home remedies we use for our guests", he continues. "The combination of home remedies presented with the lifestyle approach to many health issues is unique and is therefore greatly appreciated. Check us out at www.silverhills.ca"

Mark your calendar and commit to these sessions to focus on improving your health and wellness. Beginning May 10th and continuing on May 11th at 7:00 PM at the Roundhouse Theatre. The seminar is Free and everyone is welcome.

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"I am happy to pay such a small amount for such a fantastic service to the entire community. I see this as an investment in our youth, our seniors, our citizens of all ages and as an investment in both the history of this area and in the future of this area. ... Let the mountains echo with a resounding "YES"! - **Pete Amyoony**

"I believe it will be easier to attract more residents, entrepreneurs and investors by making our community appear vibrant.... If we won't invest in our community, how can we expect anyone else to? If we don't believe in our community, how can we expect anyone else to?" - **Linda Fry**

"I'm voting yes because the benefits of this project far outweigh the costs. We've examined all of the options for an expanded library--museum. 521 Main Street not only benefits our youth and seniors, it has further economic potential to bring visitors into town, and help create a welcoming Main Street. This is a forward-looking opportunity. I'm voting yes to our future, and I hope that everyone will come out to cast their ballot on the 30th." - **Loranne Martin**

"As a contractor who has worked on the existing library and museum building, it is my opinion that it is not feasible to repair it. It would cost more to tear it down and build again from scratch than to purchase the new building and, even if we did, it would still not be big enough or accessible enough. Our community needs the larger facility that can be the welcoming face of the town. ... Vote for a strong community." - **John and Suzanne Mazereeuw**

Nelson Hicks	Ralph Bezanson	Jill Philippott	Glen Frear
Bryan Monroe	Dave Howe	Naomi Balla-Boudreau	Robert Frear
Carol Ann Jeffreys	Wendy Howe	Norma Stromberg-Jones	Travis Wall
Gary Cowell	Don Smith	John Mazereeuw	Mike Joyal
Robin Levant	Eisie Stanley	Sharon Stearns	Laura Bolivar
Christine George	Donna Hampson	Ferr Sansom	Nancy Taylor
Keath Renfrew	Don Hampson	Tovi Thiel	Betty Abbs
Jan Norton	Roy Howard	Sherrri Flynn	Matthew Wheeler
Guy Norton	Jill Howard	Matt Slaney	Virginia Karr
Dannielle Alan	Mike Monroe	Dawn Hickey	Joel Zahn
Edna Partridge	Tony Rykes	Shelly Ryan	James Stoltz
Dennis King	Carol Worth	Joy Flemke	Junice Wentz
Joy Callas	Jock Worth	Alaina Chapman	Wes Phillips
Bob Betkus	Kassi Scarlett	Marg Johnson	Dawn Phillips
Joyce Godfrey	Elizabeth Long	Chantal Swets	Abe Phillips
Evan Williams	Bridget Uhl	Pete Amyoony	Suzanne Mazereeuw
Laverne Remmelg	Amber Hack	Larry Stamm	Dale Stephens
Dawna Hickerty	Val Williams	Glen Sutherland	Ingrid Stengler
Terry Rykes	Sheilaigh Foster	Stefi McLean	Judy Stephens
Jackie Edwards	Melissa Shea	Lonnie Gustafson	Penny Rivard
Loretta Simpson	Janet Trait	Rick E Thompson	Archie McLean
Al Birnie	Martina Wall	Amy Vause	Zev Chochinov
Sandy Birnie	Melva Phillips	Rex Hatchard	Linda McCarty
Heather Zahn	Hartley Gibson	Diane Smith	Mary Baskerville
Joan Marchant	Vernon Pawloske	Bob Collins Jr	Shelley Hatchard
Linda Fry	Garry Lowe	Bob Collins	Norma Arneson
David Marchant	Stuart Philippott	Keith Berg	Leigh Jackson
Marilyn Wheeler	Wendy Lowe	Jane Houlden	Chris Parker
Bobbi Ann Hicks	Glenn Foster	Trish Tomson	Cindy Kelley
Lyn Smith	Crystal Taugher	Brenda Monroe	Roger Wiltsie
Michelle Read	Sherry Wiltsie	Kelly Vizza	Hal Anderson
Jesse Ryckman	Sharon Reichert	Matt Rempel	Al Hickey

"I am an avid reader, as are all of my family members. To us the library has been a very important resource over the past 23 years since we moved to the valley. The amount that our property taxes will increase if this referendum is approved will be a very small fraction of what we would have paid to purchase books if we did not have a good library close at hand." - **Keith Berg**

"As a senior our Library has given so much to me. Working with us at our lovely Community Garden, our Book Club, Poetry nights, movies nights, and many hours of wonderful reading, contact with a lawyer at no cost. These are just a few that I partake of. We are crammed all the time for space. It is the most active place in town. What we could add with that new building." - **Norma Arneson**

"I am voting yes because this amazing community was built by people who said yes. Yes, lets start a business. Yes, I will volunteer. Yes, I will get involved. Yes, let us take a chance. The people who built this community understood that saying yes is sometimes hard but is always worth it. It is our turn now, our generation, our community, our legacy." - **Dannielle Alan**

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Why should I vote?

We should vote on April 30 because we have the privilege to do so. Yet it is a privilege which comes with responsibility.

The decision made by our votes on *April 30* will affect our community for many years into the future and so we must go to the voting booth as informed citizens. Since we live in the Information Age it is easy to Google a variety of questions and read the many articles about experiences, ideas and studies which relate to the many questions asked about the acquisition of a new home for an expanded Library and Museum.

The following are a few questions one could Google.

At the community level:

1. Are Museums worth having in a community?
 2. Do Museums add to the economy of a community?
 3. Do Museums enhance the attraction of a community to potential new residents?
- The same questions can be Googled replacing the word Museum with the word Library.

At the personal level:

1. Will my house value increase with a new Library/Museum complex?
2. Will my health improve with the presence of an active Library/Museum in my community?
3. Will my taxes increase?

As citizens we could also ask these questions:

- Will an accessible central Library/Museum do a disservice to the seniors and children of our community?
- Will an accessible central Library/Museum keep tourists from coming to our community?
- Will an accessible central Library/Museum negatively impact our businesses?
- Will an accessible central Library/Museum destroy the economy of our community?

Taxes will increase. It must be remembered that all the government services we enjoy, from baseball diamonds to wages, are paid for by taxation.

Those who have the most, pay the most; those who have the least, pay the least.

The final question to ask could be this:

Why, as a citizen of a community which will benefit from a central expanded Library/Museum, would I not be willing to pay an increase in my taxes.

There is a great deal that we must think about before we vote on April 30. Use your privilege wisely.

Stefi McLean

On behalf of the Library and Museum Boards

Library / Museum Move is a Fiscally Responsible Choice!

For community members who were unable to attend the public meetings held in late March, I would like to clarify a few points regarding the economics of this proposal. If the referendum passes on Saturday, the Regional District will purchase 521 Main Street and lease it to the library and museum. The cost to taxpayers will be a maximum of \$27.47/\$100,000 of assessed value for residential and farms, and \$67.30/\$100,000 of assessed value for commercial, for a total annual budget of \$74,550. The rates may decrease depending on actual costs, but they will not increase. Neither will the tax levy increase depending on library operations or museum funding in 10 to 20 years. These rates are set by law.

I want to assure you, however, that the library and museum boards have done financial projections, outlining revenues and expenses at 521 Main for the next five years. Despite some increases in areas like janitorial and grounds maintenance, we anticipate an overall cost-savings by moving from three older buildings to one new one. Right now, for example, the library and museum spend about \$8,000/year on heat and hydro. At 521 Main those costs are less than half. We have done our homework, and feel confident that the move to 521 Main Street is financially viable and sustainable.

Over the past three years we have raised about \$129,000 through individual donations and community fundraisers. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed financially and with their time! Your support has been overwhelming. Today we have approximately \$50,000 to apply to the purchase. We've spent some of the remaining funds on the purchase of the two lots, some on renting 521 during this referendum period, on early reports and research, and costs associated with our fundraisers, most of which we spent locally. If the referendum passes, the two lots will be integrated as a community park and outdoor museum display. We will continue to raise funds, apply for grants, and explore opportunities like contributions from the community forests or selling our current building, in order to improve our services to the community. Any possibility for revenue generation, like museum retail, will be considered within the context of local business and market research. The library and museum boards continue to be committed to reducing the tax burden.

What will happen if the vote is a "no"? Our need for new, expanded space does not change. We've been exploring options since the late 1990s. Our archives will remain in members' basements, we will not have room for permanent museum displays. Our main building will require extensive renovations. The Annex - key space for our programs and computer access - especially, is nearing end of life. Without it, our ability to provide key programs and services to our Valley will be limited. This is simply our reality. What will change, is the amount of money we will need to re-build. The cost of 521 Main Street is \$95 / sq ft. The standard cost of construction for new public buildings is more than twice that.

We believe that the purchase of 521 Main is the most cost-effective choice, for library and museum services into the future. We hope you'll vote yes on April 30th.

Naomi Balla-Boudreau

Library Director